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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 5 and 14 November 1993, there appear to have been 29 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of the flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 13 November 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 985.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(5-14 November 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				[5 Nov.: no violations reported]	
				[6 Nov.: no violations reported]	
979	7 Nov.	1017	1035	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 20 kilometres west of Brcko. A few minutes later, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft made visual contact with a grey Gazelle. Shortly afterwards the contact was lost for operational reasons. AWACS lost the radar contact 32 kilometres east of Brcko. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East 110 knots Low
980	7 Nov.	1147	1152	NATO fighter aircraft made radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes 12 kilometres north-east of Vares. NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until it landed at the Tuzla soccer field. United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) personnel (NORBAT) also observed the same white MI-8 helicopter flying into the town of Tuzla. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North 120 knots 500 feet
981	7 Nov.	1207	1208	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes flying 5 kilometres south of Tuzla, heading south. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South Slow Low
982	7 Nov.	1215	1222	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 10 kilometres north-west of Vares, but later lost the contact for operational reasons 7 kilometres north-west of Vares. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South 120 knots 500 feet
983	7 Nov.	1222	1225	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a green stripe and red cross, 7 kilometres north-west of Vares, which was later lost for operational reasons 7 kilometres north of Vares. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East 100 knots Very low
				[8 Nov.: no violations reported]	

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984	9 Nov.	1115	1535	The flight of this MI-8 helicopter began as an approved medical evacuation from Knin to Banja Luka and return. It became a violation because the flight did not adhere to the above schedule as it made a stop at Zaluzani (a heliport 10 kilometres north of Banja Luka), and transported 14 unauthorized passengers to Knin. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Unknown Low
985	10 Nov.	0755	0801	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes, flying 10 kilometres south of Gorni-Vakuf, which later landed 15 kilometres west of Jablanica where an undetermined number of passengers disembarked. A short time later the helicopter took off and then terminated its flight 7 kilometres south of Gorni-Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east Slow Low
986	10 Nov.	0843	0850	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 10 kilometres north-west of Tomislavgrad, which was lost 30 kilometres north of Tomislavgrad. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North 115 knots Very low
987	10 Nov.	0903	0912	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 5 kilometres east of Tomislavgrad, before losing it 15 kilometres north of Tomislavgrad. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Slow Low
988	10 Nov.	1131	1142	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 7 kilometres south of Vitez. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter, which landed 10 kilometres south-west of Vitez. A short time later, the helicopter took off heading north. The NATO fighter aircraft had to depart for operational reasons. This flight occurred on the border between areas controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bosnian Croats.	West Slow Low
989	10 Nov.	1336	1337	United Nations military observers observed an MI-8 helicopter (registration No. 12369) at Koran hospital at Pale. Personnel included 3 flight crew, 1 medical staff, 10 patients and 1 escort. The helicopter took off for Sokolac, with final destination Belgrade according to local sources. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
990	10 Nov.	1623	1629	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 25 kilometres west of Srebrenica. NATO fighter aircraft were unable to make radar or visual contact. AWACS lost radar contact 15 kilometres east of Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west 130 knots Unknown

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991	10 Nov.	1648	1649	The United Nations military observer team at Pale observed a helicopter land at Koran hospital at Pale. The team was unable to report the type of the helicopter or any other information owing to darkness. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Slow Low
992	10 Nov.	1902	1934	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 12 kilometres east of Tomislavgrad. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made radar contact only. AWACS lost radar contact 25 kilometres south-west of Medugorje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 115 knots 6,000 feet
993	11 Nov.	1133	1134	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripe landing 20 kilometres south of Tomislavgrad. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East 140 knots Low
994	11 Nov.	1147	1214	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter landing at a football field in Tuzla. A short time later, it took off and flew south-west, landing at Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west 140 knots Low
995	11 Nov.	1535	1545	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a large white helicopter 10 kilometres north-west of Kiseljak, flying at low altitude and heading north. The NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter and assessed that it landed north of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North 140 knots Low
996	11 Nov.	1615	1623	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 10 kilometres north-west of Medugorje, heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate but the track left the no-fly-zone. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Slow Low
997	11 Nov.	1617	1626	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 25 kilometres north-west of Medugorje, heading south-west at low speed. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate, but the aircraft left the no-fly-zone. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Slow Low
998	12 Nov.	0813	0819	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 30 kilometres south-west of Mostar, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate, but were unable to make visual contact owing to bad weather conditions. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Slow Unknown
999	12 Nov.	0815	0823	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft flying 30 kilometres south-west of Mostar, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft were sent to investigate but were unable to make visual contact owing to bad weather conditions. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Slow Unknown

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1000	13 Nov.	1428	1533	NATO fighters obtained visual contact with a dark green MI-8 helicopter (32 kilometres north-west of Mostar). The NATO fighter aircraft issued radio warnings and maintained visual contact. The helicopter continued north to Vitez, then turned and proceeded south. The helicopter finally landed in a field at the town of Posusje (20 kilometres south of Tomislavgrad). The NATO fighter aircraft also observed five other helicopters parked on the field. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 100 knots 8,000 feet
1001	14 Nov.	0655	0800	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a green camouflage MI-8 helicopter taking off from a field near Posusje. The helicopter then proceeded to a point near Vitez, where it circled before returning to its original location at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Various 120 knots Low, then up to 12,000 feet
1002	14 Nov.	1053	1133	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a camouflage MI-8 helicopter flying 18 kilometres south-east of Bugojno heading towards Vitez. Approximately 3 kilometres south-west of Vitez, NATO fighter aircraft observed seven parachutes being deployed from the helicopter. NATO fighter aircraft continued to shadow the helicopter until 36 kilometres north-west of Mostar when required to depart for operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Various 120 knots Low, then up to 13,000 feet
1003	14 Nov.	1335	1346	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter flying 30 kilometres south-west of Tuzla, heading north. The NATO fighter aircraft shadowed the helicopter until it was seen landing 15 kilometres south-east of Tuzla. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various 90 knots Low
1004	14 Nov.	1457	1602	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a blue/black painted MI-8 helicopter flying in the area of Posusje, heading north. They also observed six parachute bundles being deployed from the helicopter, east of Vitez. The NATO fighter aircraft continued to shadow the helicopter until landing in the area of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian croats.	Various 90 knots 9,000 feet then up to 16,000 feet
1005	14 Nov.	1653	1720	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 18 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. Later the contact was lost in the Posusje area. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 120 knots 11,000 feet
1006	14 Nov.	1750	1803	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 18 kilometres north-east of Posusje, heading north-west, which was lost 8 kilometres south of Rumboci. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 113 knots 5,000 feet

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1007	14 Nov.	1847	1900	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 8 kilometres south of Rumboci, heading south-west. The aircraft turned to a southerly heading 7 kilometres east of Tomislavgrad. The contact was lost 33 kilometres west-north-west of Mostar. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various 110 knots 2,000 feet

Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(13 November 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1008	13 Nov.	1445	1446	European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter (registration No. 9A-HAG) taking off from Zenica. The ECMM personnel stayed in the area for about one hour but the helicopter did not return. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Unknown Unknown